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1. The so-called Gottwald Works, a nationalized enterprise, were organized through the absorption of the following plants: the Ersten Brünner Maschinenfabriken, the "Königsfelder" (sic), Bilek & Co. (fine sheet metal and ventilators), Eisenbauer (crude sheet metal), Gefia (cleaning agents)—all in Brno—and the Heinek plant in Píerov (girders and shafts) and three foundries in Sudetenland.\* The Ersten Brünner Maschinenfabriken and the "Königsfelder" are responsible for the bulk of the production of the Gottwald works; each plant employs 4,500 persons working in three shifts.
2. Leading personnel of the Gottwald works:  
  
Engineer Kondruk: General Director; Czarist Russian émigré; about to leave the Gottwald combine.  
  
J. Holubec: First Deputy General Director; Director of the Ersten Brünner.  
  
Píža: Second Deputy General Director; Director of the "Königsfelder".  
  
Jurnan: Chairman of the Works Council; shop steward of the Ersten Brünner; a veteran Communist.  
  
Josef Kolář: shop steward of the Ersten Brünner; member of the executive committee of the regional Communist headquarters.  
  
Miloš Marša: political commissar of the Gottwald combine; 24 to 26 years of age; in contact with the PT (political police) on the Mozartgasse, Brno.
3. All major efforts are concentrated on production for the USSR and Poland. Boilers, turbines, compressors, and heavy pumps are manufactured for both countries; steam tractors (locomobiles) and steam rollers are produced for Russia. Experiments are also being made with turbines for jet aircraft, but without notable results. Mortar parts are produced for the Zbrojovka munitions plant. In the department for ceramic machines, oreprocessing and refining machinery is being developed for the Joachimsthal (Jachymov) uranium workings.

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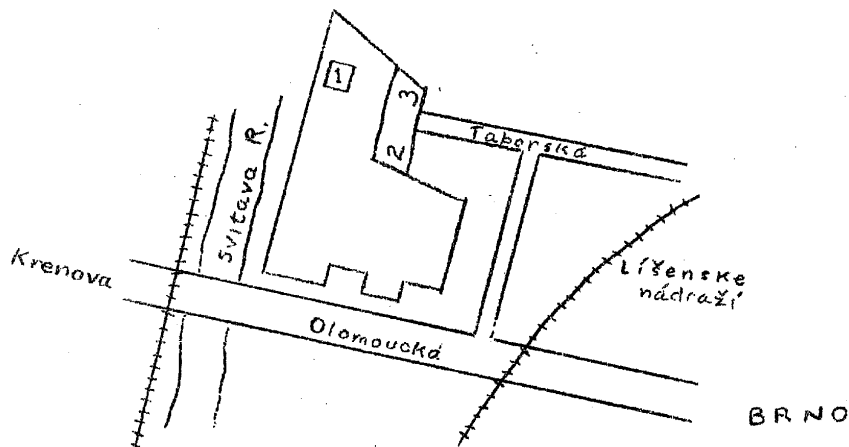
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4. Low worker morale, absenteeism, political interference, and a shortage of raw materials all keep production effectively low. Among the scarcer materials are chrome and nickel steel and grey iron casting ingots. The more expensive casting steel is used in place of grey iron.
5. Unskilled workers at the Gottwald Works earn approximately 4,000 crowns per month; founders earn 7,000-8,000 crowns; various specialists belonging to the Communist Party earn approximately 5,500 crowns; non-Communist specialists earn 3,500 crowns; engineers earn an average of 4,600 to 5,500 crowns.
6. The following sketch indicates the nerve centers of the Gottwald works: (1) the electric plant; (2) the new foundry; (3) the compressor station.



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\* Comment: Source submitted only the German names of the component plants. They are naturally not known by these names in Czechoslovakia.

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